

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Viola F. Simmons on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Viola F. Simmons will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 6, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John Oscar and Fannie Francis, Mrs. Simmons was born in Blairsville, Georgia, where she and her family remained until 1922, when they moved to Madisonville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, her first marriage, to William Kauffin, produced one son, Herbert, and she also counts many grandchildren and great-grandchildren among the members of her family today; and

WHEREAS, around 1952, she moved to Lookout Mountain, where she worked as a nanny; she married Nathan Simmons, and the couple lived on Lookout Mountain until 1962, when they moved to Bellemy, Alabama, Mr. Simmons's hometown; and

WHEREAS, they remained there together until he died in 1984; Viola Simmons moved back to Madisonville that year, and she has lived in the town she called home for much of her childhood ever since; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Viola Simmons has been a faithful member of Rice Chapel Church; she is particularly fond of gardening, but Mrs. Simmons is quite happy to do anything outdoors; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Viola F. Simmons on the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.